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Examiner

Charles R Craver

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 12-20 and 30 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,5,7,8,10,21,22,24,25,27 and 29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3,6,9,11,23,26 and 28 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 November 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Morris, US Pat 6,654,614.

Claim 1: Morris discloses a communication system (FIGS 2 and 3) having a first device and a second device for communicating with the first device via a wireless link (col 3 lines 18-30), the first device including

means for searching the second device by creating a notification (page) message which is broadcast at maximum set power (highest set range) by a means (reads setting means), and means for causing the first device to transmit the message according to said range (col 4 lines 22-46), the second device including means for receiving the message and means for responding to the message so as to set the wireless link (col 5 lines 10-22). The page message is read by the examiner as searching the other device since a communications channel would not have been set up yet.

Claim 2: the range set by Morris is a range within which the first device can communicate, and is read as a distance from the first device.

Claim 4: claim 4 discloses the inherent method provided by the system of claim 1, and as such is rejected for the same reasoning set forth above.

Claim 5: the range set by Morris is a range within which the first device can communicate, and is read as a distance from the first device.

Claim 7: Morris discloses a communication system (FIGS 2 and 3) having a first device and a second device for communicating with the first device via a wireless link (col 3 lines 18-30), the first device including

means for searching the second device by creating a notification (page) message which is broadcast at maximum set power (highest set range) by a means (reads setting means), and means for causing the first device to transmit the message according to said range (col 4 lines 22-46).

Claim 8: the range set by Morris is a range within which the first device can communicate, and is read as a distance from the first device. Further, the transmission means would inherently transmit according to a power value corresponding to said range, or distance.

Claim 10: Morris further discloses that the communicating means may further set a time for which transmission of the find message will continue, and terminates transmission of the message after said time (FIG 5A).

Claims 21 and 24: Morris discloses a communication system (FIGS 2 and 3) having a first device and a second device for communicating with the first device via a wireless link (col 12 lines 1-18 and 43-67), the first device including means for searching the second device by creating a notification (page) message which is broadcast at maximum set power (highest set range), said range including other devices, by a means (reads setting means), and means for causing the first device to transmit the message according to said range (col 4 lines 22-46), and means for transmitting said message by a low-power outputting section (col 3 line 50-col 4 line 21) to a range in which the other devices are not included, the second device including means for receiving the message and means for responding to the message so as to set the wireless link (col 5 lines 10-22). The page message is read by the examiner as searching the other device since a communications channel would not have been set up yet.

Claims 22 and 25: the range set by Morris is a range within which the first device can communicate, and is read as a distance from the first device.

Claim 27 is the inherently method performed by the apparatus of claim 21 and as such is rejected for the same reasoning set forth above.

Claim 29: Morris discloses a communication system (FIGS 2 and 3) having a first device and a second device for communicating with the first device via a wireless link (col 3 lines 18-30), the first device including

means for searching the second device by creating a notification (page) message which is broadcast at maximum set power among different powers (highest set range)

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by a means (reads variable setting means), and means for causing the first device to transmit the message according to said range (col 4 lines 22-46), the second device including means for receiving the message and means for responding to the message so as to set the wireless link (col 5 lines 10-22). The page message is read by the examiner as searching the other device since a communications channel would not have been set up yet.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 12-20 and 30 are allowed.

Claims 3, 6, 9, 11, 23, 26 and 28 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claims 3, 6, 9, 12, 16, 17, 23, 26 and 28 teach towards an apparatus and method for searching a second device at a first device wherein the first device may transmit a search message and the second device may receive and reply to the message, wherein the first device may set the range of the message by a setting means which may set a range of the message and a directivity of the message. Claim 11 teaches towards an apparatus and method for searching a second device at a first device wherein the first device may transmit a search message and the second device may receive and reply to the message, wherein the first device may set the range of the message by a setting

means which may set a range of the message and further display information acquired by the response message every time it is received, and to terminate transmission of the message via the input of a termination message. Claim 30 teaches towards an apparatus and method for searching a second device at a first device wherein the first device may transmit a search message and the second device may receive and reply to the message, wherein the first device may set the range of the message by a setting means which may set a range of the message, wherein the range may be user-designated.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 4-1-04 have been fully considered but they are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Conclusion

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If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vivian Chin, can be reached at (703) 308-6739.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist at (703) 305-4700.

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June 14, 2004

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PATENT EXAMINER